

PRODUCTION ARTS

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THE CURRICULUM:

Students learn an array of technical skills used behind the scenes in film, theatre and media. Sound, lighting, set design & construction, costume design, and filmmaking are several of the core focuses within the department. Students also craft sets and costumes, run sound and lighting boards, and work backstage for performances and events held at Charter Arts.

In Film and Media courses, students develop skills in cinematography, camera operation, and editing as they study and create original film and media productions. Projects range from creating short films to designing social media content to recording live broadcast style productions. In Technical Theatre courses, students focus on set design and construction, costuming, lighting, projection design, and sound for live productions. The course material and extracurricular events within this program provide students with opportunities to develop professional skills in the production industry that are typically inaccessible to high school students.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE:

- Develop skills necessary to work backstage in theatre, events, and film
- Design and build sets for plays and musicals
- Design and sew costumes for plays and musicals
- Film and edit short films, commercials, and social media videos
- Operate sound and lighting boards and work backstage at Charter Arts performances
- Develop skills in communication and production management
- Collaborate with students throughout the school on productions
- Work with teachers and guest artists with professional experience in film, theatre, and media